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SUBJECT: USHIBA DISCUSSES JAPAN'S TRADE POSITION

1. SUMMARY: IN APRIL 20 SPEECH MINISTER USHIBA STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S MAINTAINING AN OUTLOOK OF WILLINGNESS TO LIBERALIZE IMPORTS. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS PROBABLY WOULD BEGIN TO DECLINE ABOUT EARLY FALL. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER NOBUHIKO USHIBA, ADDRESSING JAPAN PRESS CLUB APRIL 20, URGED THAT JAPAN NOT INSIST, IN ALL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ON FACT THAT IT IS SPECIAL CASE. HE WARNED THAT STRONG EFFORT TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WOULD PROVOKE INTERNATIONAL FRICTION AND THAT PREFERABLE AIM IS TO ASSURE STABLE FLOW OF THESE PRODUCTS FROM OVERSEAS SO AS TO COMPLEMENT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. ON MANUFACTURED GOODS, HE INDICATED THAT JAPAN WOULD
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HAVE TO MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS THAN THE US AND SAID IN PARTICULAR THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO CONCESSIONS ON COMPUTERS AND COLOR FILM.

3. USHIBA ALSO SAID THAT JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS PROBABLY WOULD BEGIN TO DECLINE EARLY IN THE FALL OF 1978. HE STATED THAT NOW EXPORTERS STILL ARE PUSHING HARD,

AND IMPORTERS HOLDING BACK, IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER
YEN RISES. MANSFIELD

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